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Citations Affected: IC 9-13-2-72.3; IC 9-19-17-1; IC 9-21-8.

Synopsis: Electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle. Provides that a person who uses a handheld device while operating a motor vehicle as a public passenger chauffeur commits a Class C infraction. Provides that a person who operates a motor vehicle that has a video monitor, portable computer, or other similar device capable of providing a visual display that can be seen by a person sitting in the driver's seat commits a Class C infraction, with certain exceptions.

Effective: July 1, 2009.



A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-72.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: **Sec. 72.3. "Handheld device", for purposes of IC 9-21-8, has the meaning set forth in IC 9-21-8-0.5.**

SECTION 2. IC 9-19-17-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1. (a) A person may not:

- (1) own a motor vehicle; or
- (2) operate upon a highway a motor vehicle;

that has a television set installed so that the screen of the television set can be seen by a person sitting in the driver's seat.

(b) A person may not operate a motor vehicle upon a highway that has a video monitor, portable computer, or other similar device capable of providing a visual display that can be seen by a person sitting in the driver's seat.

(c) Subsection (b) does not apply to:

- (1) portable cellular telephones or personal data assistants being used for verbal communication;**
- (2) equipment that is displaying only:**

(A) audio equipment information, functions, and controls;

(B) vehicle information or controls related to speed, fuel level, battery charge, or other vehicle safety or equipment information;

(C) navigation or global positioning;

(D) maps;

(E) visual information to:

(i) enhance or supplement the driver's view forward, behind, or to the sides of the motor vehicle for the purpose of maneuvering the vehicle; or

(ii) allow the driver to monitor vehicle occupants seated behind the driver.



1 SECTION 3. IC 9-21-8-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2009]: **Sec. 0.5. As used in this chapter, "handheld device" means**
4 **an electronic or a digital telecommunications device that is held in**
5 **the hand during use.**

6 SECTION 4. IC 9-21-8-57 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
7 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
8 1, 2009]: **A person may not use a handheld device while operating**
9 **a motor vehicle as a public passenger chauffeur.**

